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CBE Project Proposal Promotional Copy

#4205 - Recreation, Leisure and Aging in a Rural Township

Organization Information

The host provides a wide range of services to Township residents and visitors. One of these is recreation services. At present the host owns two arenas, with community halls contained in each, numerous parks with ball diamonds, soccer field, swimming areas, horseshoe pits, picnic areas, and a recent addition is a walking and cross country ski trail system.

Project Information

The purpose of this project is to review and inventory the existing services that the host provides, conduct research to support the changing demographics of our community, set up and conduct public meetings and groups sessions to research what the community needs or wants, and compile all this information into a research paper that can be used on a go forward basis to making policy and related decisions.

As briefly outlined above the following are the expected duties of the student. Depending on student academic requirements, these asks can be refined to suit (i.e. a student might focus on one or two of the tasks...or perhaps a team of students might take on the tasks).

- Research the changing demographics of our community
- Research the economic capabilities of our community as it relates to leisure and recreation services.
- Conducting focus groups with selected groups (service clubs, staff, members of council, schools, churches, etc.) to gather information on the needs of the community.
- Conducting public meetings to gather information on the needs of the community.
- Create a report/manual of all the information gathered with some recommendations based on the research. Any recommendations would need to be supported by financial information as to their feasibility.

Benefit to the Host Organization and Community

This project will provide a blueprint that will assist in long-range recreation planning for the community to serve the needs of our aging community.

What students might learn

- How to conduct and facilitate focus groups and gather pertinent information from these.
- How to research and analyze demographic information.
- How to compile and analyze all the focus group and public meeting information into a report with recommendation that are economically feasible.
- How to analyze financial information and relate it to the rest of the research done for this project.

Screening or Training Requirements

Police Checks are required. WHMIS and First Aid and CPR are also required. Also the student would also need Accessibility Customer Service Training. The host is willing to provide this training (or arrange through an external trainer). Having access to a car is preferable but this can be discussed.

Resources Required for Project Provided by Host

The host will provide all available access to information that is within their possession and assistance in setting up focus groups, contacts, public meetings, etc. The host will also provide access to a photocopier, workspace, a computer, phone and cover some travel expenses. All expenditures must be pre-approved by host.